



Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education (OSE)

OSE Update

December 2018

What's New?

Alt+Shift

- Training began at two sites for Foundations of Math: Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities. We are piloting a training and implementation format that presents the content in a series of short presentations. The presentations are spread out over a longer length of time and interspersed with strategic implementation planning for on-going, job-embedded supports as practitioners enact their new learning.
- The Assistive Technology Journey, a 40-hour symposium led by Mike Marotta and Carolyn O'Hearn, began at three intermediate school districts (ISDs). This symposium includes face-to-face training, online coaching sessions, and online experiences including webinars and Twitter chats. The symposium will continue throughout the 2018-2019 school year and includes strategic implementation planning as sites work to construct systems that support a collaborative approach to assistive technology services.
- Delta Math Tier 3 intervention materials are now available.
- All seven Accessible Materials Made Right online training courses are now available on [EduPaths](https://www.edupaths.org/) (<https://www.edupaths.org/>).

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- **Quarterly Meeting Dates: December 18 (updated) and March 12 from 1- 3 p.m.**
 - *Implementer meetings for the 2018-2019 year are presented by coordinators for coordinators who support Medicaid School Based Services. They are offered at Ingham ISD in Mason. For those unable to attend there is web access.*
 - Contact Dana Billings for more information at billingsd1@michigan.gov
- **Name Conference:**
 - *National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Annual Conference will be held October 2-4, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more details go to: www.MedicaidForEducation.org*



- **Technical Assistance Workgroups:**
 - *Technical assistance workgroups have been formed and continue to meet to create documents to support those implementing SBS Medicaid.*
- **Regional Meetings:**
 - *Currently there are four SBS Medicaid regional meetings that have met to review SWOT data and create action plans for 2018-2019: October 2 at MARESA, October 11 at Saginaw ISD, October 22 at Wayne RESA and November 8 at Van Buren ISD.*
- Please let **Dana Billings** know of Medicaid staff/personnel changes in your district. You can contact her at billingsd1@michigan.gov or 517-335-2250 with information about who has left, who has arrived, their title/role and contact information.
- To discuss **Medicaid SBS Policy**, contact Kevin Bauer at the Medicaid agency: BauerK2@michigan.gov or 517-284-1197.
- To discuss **Medicaid reimbursement for your district**, contact Amy Kanter at the Medicaid agency: KanterA@michigan.gov or 517-241-4240.

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

- Jill Mazur Skornicka left MAF in mid-November. Jill was a Regional Parent Mentor with MAF for more than seven years; serving Oakland county. She was a great asset to MAF and will be missed very much.

Office of Great Start/Office of Early Childhood Development and Family Education (OGS-ECD FE), Office of Great Start/Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning (OGS-POSTL)

- The MDE *Early On* team is finishing reviews of the applications made for the new state funding under section 54d grants. Future communication will share common themes found in the requests and plans. In addition, the team worked with CEPI on the initial data collection needs that were generated by this new legislation. Immediate attention to the REP is requested to ensure that all ISDs are entering personnel assigned to providing services for *Early On*.
- Early On local service areas will benefit from over \$2 million in re-purposed funds awarded Michigan through the Races to the Top – Early Learning Challenge. Each ISD was able to designate need for hearing and vision screening equipment/materials, and additional resources have been ordered to support the SSIP focus on social-emotional health of infants and toddlers.
- Vanessa Winborne retired as Michigan’s Part C Coordinator on October 5. Interviews for her replacement will occur in December.



Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START)

- START's 2018-2019 Early Childhood, K-12, and Building Your Future (BYF) year one intensive training series continues at four locations across the state. The host sites for these trainings are: Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (RESD)/Baker College of Owosso (Early Childhood), Jackson ISD (BYF), Oakland Schools (K12), and Jackson ISD (BYF). Additionally, following up on last year's K12 Intensive Training (IT) series, K12 IT Year 2 modules will be hosted by Van Buren ISD and Macomb ISD.
- Sign-up for [START Connecting](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-email-updates-213.htm) (https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-email-updates-213.htm) to receive bi-monthly email updates with articles, events, and tools.
- The 18th Annual START Conference: Breaking the Social Code, featuring Jed Baker and Michelle Garcia Winner, is set for April 29, 2019 at the [Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center](https://kelloggcenter.com/) (https://kelloggcenter.com/) in East Lansing. More information is available on the [START website](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm) (https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm). Registration opens December 3, 2018.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Alt+Shift

- [Enhancing Mathematics Instruction for Students With Learning Difficulties](http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/enhancing-mathematics-instruction/attend-a-scheduled-training) (http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/enhancing-mathematics-instruction/attend-a-scheduled-training)
Three-day training (a fourth day is required for teams attending for facilitator certification)
 - **January 29-30, 2019 and March 5, 2019** (March 6, 2019 for facilitators-in-training) – St. Johns, MI
- Upper Peninsula Special Education Conference (<https://www.maresa.org/departments/special-education/up-special-ed-conference-2019/>)
 - **February 22, 2019** – Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA), Marquette, MI
- [Conventional Literacy for Students With Significant Disabilities and Complex Communication Needs](https://www.altshift.education/event/conventional-literacy-instruction-students-significant-disabilities-and-complex-communication) (https://www.altshift.education/event/conventional-literacy-instruction-students-significant-disabilities-and-complex-communication)
 - **February 25-27, 2019** - Romulus, MI



- “The 5Ws of Assistive Technology: A look into everything AT
A two-hour presentation in collaboration with the Michigan Alliance for Families
 - **March 13, 2019**, Flint, MI

Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)

- Check out the [Michigan Department of Education- Low Incidence Outreach](#) web site to find out about upcoming classes:
 - BrailleNote Touch
 - Braille
 - Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Video Conferences
 - Neurological Visual Impairment workshops and more!
- **STATEWIDE EVENT – BRAILLE CHALLENGE**
 - Any student in 1st through 12th grade who is blind/visually impaired and reads braille is eligible to participate in the preliminary Challenge contest event to take place in Flint on February 23, 2019. Registration and more information is available on the [Braille Challenge](#) page of Low Incidence Outreach’s website. The Braille Challenge® is an academic competition unlike any other. This two-stage contest is designed to motivate students who are blind/visually impaired to emphasize their study of braille at a state-wide level that could lead to a National championship.

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

More learning opportunities and events are being developed, so visit the [MAF event calendar](#) (<http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/>) for the most up-to-date information. Be sure to view our selection of free [on-demand webinars](#) (<http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar/>).

Use our [event registration form](#) (<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/event-registration/>) to register for all MAF events.

- Learn About: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy
 - **December 6, 2018** (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) – Lakeshore Resource Networking, Ludington, MI
- [Making Sense of Discipline for Students with Disabilities](#) with Cheryl Levine



- **December 6, 2018** (12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) – The Arc Livingston, Brighton, MI
- Learn About: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy
 - **December 6, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Understanding Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
 - **December 8, 2018** (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – Hampton Inn, Birch Run, MI
- Learn About: IEP 101
 - **January 10, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Learn About: PLAAFP Statement
 - **January 24, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Crucial Conversations: Building a Transition IEP
 - **January 28, 2018** (1:00 p.m.-2:40 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Big Rapids, MI
- Let's Talk Transition with Sandee Koski and Lisa Cook-Gordon
 - **January 29, 2018** (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) – Oakland Community Health Network, Troy, MI
- Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy with Sandee Koski
 - **January 30, 2018** (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) – Plymouth Public Library, Plymouth, MI
- Learn About: Goals and Objectives
 - **February 7, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Learn About: Support Services, Accommodations, and Modifications
 - **February 21, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Learn About: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy
 - **December 6, 2018** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI



Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI)

Please visit the [MIBLSI events page](https://miblsi.org/events) (<https://miblsi.org/events>) for more information on upcoming professional development events.

- MIBLSI 15th Annual State Conference
 - **April 25-26, 2019** – Crowne Plaza, Lansing, MI

Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START)

Please visit the [START events page](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm>) for more information on statewide trainings.

- [Peer-to-Peer Supports](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm)
(<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm>)
 - **December 10-11, 2018** – Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI
- [Asperger Module](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm)
(<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm>)
 - **January 29-30, 2019** – Van Buren ISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI
- [Using the PEERS® Model as a Basis for Teaching Social Skills to Teens With ASD](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm)
(<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-events-49.htm>)
 - **February 8, 2019** – Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI
- [Regional Collaborative Networks \(RCN\) Trainings](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/fall-rcn-events-301.htm)
(<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/fall-rcn-events-301.htm>)
 - RCN will host local trainings throughout the year using START content delivered by trainers from local districts. These trainings are open to attendees from outside the host district. Additional trainings will be announced as details are finalized.

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Preschool Special Education

There are current opportunities available to receive training on the Inclusive Classroom Profile (ICP) tool throughout the state.



Below are the dates and locations for the current opportunities:

- Oakland University - November 12-14, 2018
- Kent ISD - November 26-28, 2018
- Coopersville – November 30, and December 3-4, 2018
- Central Michigan University - December 5-7, 2018
- Ingham ISD – December 5-7, 2018
- Eastern UP - December 10-12, 2018
- Copper City - December 10-12, 2018
- Montcalm – December 19-21, 2018

Space is limited at each location, if you are interested in training please email Mark Kuipers mkuipers@ccresa.org or Lisa Wasacz wasaczl@michigan.gov to inquire on availability.